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SUBJ: STUDENTS RECALLED

REF: MANILA 12650

1. IN STUNNING REVERSAL OF ELABORATELY SANCTIFIED DISMISSAL OF STUDENTS NOV 8, PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED NOV 10 THAT STUDENTS WOULD RETURN TO CLASSES NOV 19. HE SAID THAT PUBLIC SECTOR WOULD ABSORB RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSERVATION OF FUEL IN DEFERENCE TO IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION. PRESIDENT, MOREOVER, INDICATED THAT MEASURES BEING ADOPTED TO RATION FUEL WOULD ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM.

2. ALMOST EVERYONE EMBASSY HAS TALKED TO HAS ATTRIBUTED CANCELLATION OF CLASSES TO GOVT'S FEAR OF STUDENT ACTIVISM. SUPPORTING POLITICAL INTERPRETATION OF DISMISSAL IS FACT EDUCATION SECRETARY WAS NOT PRIVY TO DECISION. WHY GOVT WOULD DISMISS STUDENTS IN ONE BREATH AND RECALL THEM IN THE NEXT, HOWEVER, IS STILL A MYSTERY. ANSWER MAY POSSIBLY LIE IN SHORT FUSED CONCERN THAT STUDENTS WERE PLANNING ACTIVITY IN CONNECTION WITH NOV 12, ELECTION DAY UNDER OLD CONSTITUTION. ONE REPORT, FOR EXAMPLE, INDICATED THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOME ACTION AT UP CAMPUS

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IN LOS BANOS. IT MAY ALSO BE TRUE THAT PRESIDENT MET

SUCH VOCAL INCREDULITY FROM AMONG HIS OWN RANKS THAT HE DECIDED PRESERVATION OF CREDIBILITY MORE IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME THAN POTENTIAL THREAT OF STUDENTS. FINALLY, IT COULD WELL HAVE BEEN ARGUED THAT TO DISMISS THE STUDENTS WOULD BE TO REMOVE THEM FROM THE VERY HEAVY AND EFFECTIVE SURVEILLANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT NOW MAINTAINS ON THEM IN UNIVERSITIES IN MANILA PARTICULARLY.

3. WHATEVER THE REAL REASON FOR DISMISSAL OF THE STUDENTS, GOVT WOULD APPEAR TO BE GETTING SPOOKY. SUM EFFECT OF ACTION HAS BEEN TO CONFUSE THE PUBLIC AND RAISE DOUBTS ABOUT COMPETENCE OF GOVERNMENT.
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